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In re Application of  
Donald Wayne Allen et al.  
Application No. 09/625,893

Filed: July 26, 2000

Attorney Docket No. TH1258 (US)

Title: SMOOTH SLEEVES FOR DRAG  
AND VIV REDUCTION OF CYLINDRICAL  
STRUCTURES

DECISION ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition filed on September 11, 2003, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.137(b)<sup>1,2</sup> to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to reply in a timely manner to the non-final Office action, mailed February 11, 2003, which set a shortened statutory period for reply of three (3) months. On August 26, 2003, a response was received (which contained a certificate of mailing dated August 19, 2003), along with a three-month extension of time. As August 19, 2003 was subsequent to the maximum extendable period for reply, the amendment was not entered. As such, the above-identified application became abandoned on August 12, 2003.

<sup>1</sup> A grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) must be accompanied by:

- (1) The reply required to the outstanding Office action or notice, unless previously filed;
- (2) The petition fee as set forth in § 1.17(m);
- (3) A statement that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to this paragraph was unintentional. The Commissioner may require additional information where there is a question whether the delay was unintentional, and;
- (4) Any terminal disclaimer (and fee as set forth in § 1.20(d)) required pursuant to paragraph (d) of this section.

<sup>2</sup> Although the petitioner cited to 37 C.F.R. §1.137(a) in the title of his petition, the text of the petition makes it clear that this was a typographical error.

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With the instant petition, the petitioner has filed the petition fee and has made the proper statement of unintentional delay.

Accordingly, the petition is **GRANTED**.

The application file is being forwarded to technology Center 3600 for consideration of the amendment received on August 26, 2003.

Telephone inquiries concerning *this decision* should be directed to the undersigned at (703) 305-0011.



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